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MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY

SUBJECT: Weekly Activity Report, July 11-15, 1994

Rwanda: Bill Perry has agreed that DoD will supply aircraft to support UNHCR's call to deliver relief supplies to Rwanda. Dan Spiegel in Geneva has informed Mrs. Ogata and will coordinate with CINCEUR.

AF is trying to reach the RPF commander by phone to confirm his intention to announce the cease fire he promised. Preliminary intelligence estimates are that a cease fire is in effect.

Oxfam, the relief agency, estimates that there are 500,000 Rwandans in Goma, Zaire, with several hundred thousand more moving toward the border. These include many members of the government's army and the militias responsible for the massacres. Many are armed, and the Zaireans do not seem capable of disarming them.

I held a meeting in my office on Friday afternoon to review all aspects of our effort to bring an end to the suffering and mass migrations in Rwanda. You will receive an info memo to update you on Rwanda in more detail before you depart for the Middle East, and I will have regular sessions to review our policies as long as the crisis lasts - which may be for quite a while.

Colombia: Yesterday, I expressed my concerns about the tone and disorganization which have characterized implementation of our strategy toward Colombian President-elect Samper to Bob Gelbard,

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Alex Watson, and Mike Skol. We agreed to prepare for your review a draft presidential letter to Gaviria, who has protested U.S. handling of our narcotics concerns, to congratulate him on his presidency and look ahead to his tenure as OAS Secretary General. Alex may deliver the letter in person, to ensure that Gaviria understands why we are preoccupied with the narcotics issue and what we hope his successor will do to allay our concerns.

The press leaks from Administration sources concerning DEA handling of the visit of General Vargas, Director of the Colombian National Police, as well as reporting from Bogota suggest we need to tighten our policy coordination. I asked Alex to convene an interagency meeting next week to assure that all concerned officials adhere to our policy of setting clear guidelines for what we expect

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Iraqi Sanctions: We anticipate no serious obstacles to a routine renewal of Iraqi sanctions on Monday without a presidential statement (as in the past). The Russians are persisting in efforts to get approval on some sort of text which would acknowledge Iraqi helpfulness, but we have solid support behind us. The September review could prove tougher, with UNSCOM's long-term monitoring regime expected to be in place by then. At that time, some UNSC members will advocate an artificial automatic timetable for review of lifting oil sanctions.

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On the issue of the Iraqi pipeline and Turkish interests, we have decided to defer further discussion until the sanctions rollover takes place. The chief outstanding issue remains assurances of equitable distribution of humanitarian goods bought with the oil sale proceeds. We should reach a decision point for you late next week on how to proceed.

Algeria: Fourteen foreigners have been killed this past week in Algeria, and a fire-fight between terrorists and security forces took place in front of the Italian Embassy within the supposedly "secure" envelope which includes the U.S. Embassy compound. The killings, and issuance of a scorching, anti-American pamphlet by the "Armed Islamic Group," have led our Embassy to conclude that the threat of violence against Americans has increased. Even tighter restrictions on off-compound travel by staff have been imposed, and private Americans who do not have adequate protection are being urged to leave. The Embassy does not believe the situation warrants a further drawdown, but if attacks persist nearby, we may well have to examine that course. We will watch this closely.

UNOSOM/Somalia: On Friday, I hosted a meeting to discuss options for UNOSOM and USLO in Somalia. IO and AF have coordinated a thorough assessment of UNOSOM and USLO's situation, and, working closely with Dick Moose, I tasked an action memo for you to decide the Department's position. We could then make our case at a Deputies Committee meeting which we should ask Sandy to convene by the end of next week.

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In the coming days we will see the Secretary General's report on UNOSOM. There is some indication that Boutros has gotten word of some of our concerns about UNOSOM's mission and management and that he shares at least some of them. It is my hope that we may be able to reach an understanding with him regarding significant reductions in UNOSOM civilian and military operations in the coming months, even if the mandate is allowed to run its term until next March 31st.

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